

REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE IN TOGO

MARRIAGE BETWEEN A TOGOLESE NATIONAL AND A FOREIGNER

Case 1: Between a foreign woman [Non-African] and a Togolese man

In the case of a foreign woman [outside Africa] and a Togolese man, the marriage is considered “national” except that the dowry ceremony is not compulsory. Therefore, this marriage can be celebrated at the Town Hall of Lomé, or any “Etat Civil” [Vital Statistics Bureau] of the town of birth of the groom. The following are the requirements for this type of marriage.

From the Non-African woman:

- 1 legalized copy of her birth certificate
- 1 simple copy of her passport
- 1 simple copy of her residence card [issued by the Passport Service in Lomé or the Central Police Station of Lomé] or any other document serving as a residence proof
- 1 Notarized Declaration of her matrimonial status
- 1 copy of the divorce decree in case she is divorced
- 1 copy of her previous marriage certificate and the death certificate of her previous husband in case she is a widow
- 1 simple copy of her witness' passport

From the Togolese man:

- 1 legalized copy of his birth certificate
- 1 certificate of residence [issued by the Central Police Office for residents of Lomé] not older than 3 months
- 1 simple copy of his passport or national ID
- 1 simple copy of his witness' passport or national ID

From both:

- File processing fees
 - Celebration on Weekdays [Tuesdays & Thursdays]: FCFA 12,500
 - Celebration on Saturdays and holidays: FCFA 20,000

Case 2: Between a foreign man [Non-African] and a Togolese woman

This is what is called “Inter-country Marriage”. They are processed by the “Etat Civil Etranger” (at the Town Hall Office) and their archives are managed by the same office. There is only one office of “Etat Civil Etranger” in Lomé. **Note: The type of marriage does not change its validity, as they all fall under the same marriage law. They are only registered into different offices according to the type.**

The following are the requirements for an inter-country marriage between a foreigner [Non African] and a Togolese woman.

From the Togolese lady:

- 1 legalized certificate of her birth certificate
- 1 certificate of residence [issued by the Central Police Office for residents of Lomé] not older than 3 months
- 1 certificate of celibacy [issued by the Vital Statistics Bureau of the place of birth where there is proof that individual never married before]
- 1 certificate of customs [issued by the Vital Statistics Bureau of her town of origin]
- 1 premarital medical attestation [In any medical cabinet officially recognized by the GOT]
- 1 simple copy of his passport or national ID
- 1 simple copy of his witness' passport or national ID

From the Foreigner:

- 1 legalized copy of his birth certificate
- 1 simple copy of his passport
- 1 simple copy of the proof of his residency from the country of origin or any other document serving as a residence proof
- 1 Notarized Declaration of his matrimonial status
- 1 copy of the divorce decree in case he is divorced
- 1 copy of his previous marriage certificate and the death certificate of his previous wife in case he is a widower
- 1 premarital medical attestation [In any medical cabinet officially recognized by the GOT]
- 1 simple copy of her witness' passport

From both:

- File processing fees
 - Celebration on Weekdays [Tuesdays & Thursdays]: FCFA 20,000
 - Celebration on Saturdays and holidays: FCFA 35,000

MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO FOREIGNERS

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The following are the requirements for a marriage between two foreigners [Non African].

From both:

- 1 Legalized copy of the bride and groom’s birth certificates
- 1 Simple copy of the bride and groom’s passports
- 1 Simple copy of proof of the bride and groom’s residency from the country of origin or any other document serving as a residence proof for each
- 1 Notarized Declaration of the groom’s matrimonial status
- 1 Copy of the divorce decree in case the groom was is divorced
- 1 Copy of the groom’s previous marriage certificate and the death certificate of his previous wife in case he is a widower
- 1 Premarital medical attestation [In any medical cabinet officially recognized by the GOT]
- 1 Simple copy of the bride’s witness’s passport
- File processing fees
 - Celebration on Weekdays [Tuesdays & Thursdays]: FCFA 20,000
 - Celebration on Saturdays and holidays: FCFA 35,000

Note: The above information is gathered from the Togolese Marriage laws, the mayor’s office of “Lomé Commune” (Town Hall) and “Préfecture du Golfe”. The requirements remain the same throughout the country of Togo except the processing fees and the days of celebration, which may be lower and vary according to each office. The days and fees above are related to celebrations at “Hôtel de Ville” in Lomé.